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SUBJECT: SSOD: MACHINERY: SWISS INQUIRY ABOUT

MEMBERSHIP ENVISAGED FOR REVITALIZED UN DISARMAMENT
COMMISSION

1. SWISS AMB MARCUARD JUNE 16 APPROACHED AMBASSADOR
LEONARD TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE FORMULA GOVERNING MEMBER-
SHIP ENVISAGED FOR THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION.
HE NOTED THAT RESTRICTING MEMBERSHIP TO UN MEMBERS
WOULD OBVIOUSLY RULE OUT SWISS PARTICIPATION. IF
HOWEVER THE FORMULA WERE "ALL STATES", A FORMULA
WHICH HAS A LONG BACKGROUND IN CONNECTION WITH
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DISARMAMENT, THEN NOT ONLY SWITZERLAND BUT THE TWO
KOREAS, THE HOLY SEE, AND MONACO WOULD BE COVERED.
"MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS" WOULD INCLUDE A NUMBER OF
ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY THE PLO. THE COUNCIL
FOR NAMIBIA COULD ALSO BE A PROBLEM, IF THE AFRICANS
CHOOSE TO MAKE IT ONE, UNDER ANY FORMULA.

2. COMMENT: THIS QUESTION HAS NOT, AS YET, BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY IN THE SSOD, BUT WILL CONFRONT US RATHER SOON. IT STRIKES US AS HOLDING SOME POSSIBLE INTEREST IN RELATION TO MATTERS BEYOND THE DIRECT QUESTIONS OF STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE NEW BODY. IN PARTICULAR, THE MEMBERSHIP FORMULA COULD HAVE RELEVANCE TO OUR LONG-STANDING INTERESTS IN INVOLVING THE TWO KOREAS WITH PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT, SINCE THERE OBVIOUSLY ARE TENSIONS IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND A LONG-TERM ARMS COMPETITION WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THESE TENSIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION NOT ONLY FOR DISCUSSION WITH OUR SWISS COLLEAGUES BUT ALSO IN THE CONTEXT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION. LEONARD

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